

SB 1229 -- TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

SPONSOR: Caskey (Mayer)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 16 to 1.

Currently, it is a class D felony to bring any alkaloid or liquor into a correctional facility. The definition of "alkaloid" includes those substances with nicotine, such as cigarettes. This bill exempts commercially produced tobacco products from the prohibition.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that when the legislature prohibited bringing any kind of alkaloid into a correctional facility, nobody knew that this included cigarettes. It was not the legislature's intention to incarcerate people for possessing cigarettes in a correctional facility.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Caskey.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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